



City of Galveston

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Summary of Community Outreach Meetings Attended

(Week of October 28th – November 1st, 2019)

All Available Agendas and Minutes from Meetings Attended Attached

October 28, 2019 / 2:00pm – Lone Star Rally Meeting

- Discussed Downtown and Event Areas with Melissa Penland from Lone Star Rally as well as Event Schedule and Timelines
- David Smith stressed to departments that they needed to stay close to their estimated budgets and keep their eyes open for suspicious activity and packages.

October 30, 2019 / 7:30am – Galveston Kiwanis Club Meeting

- Presentation by Chief Olsen and Tour of Fire Station 1
 - Discussion began during the presentation regarding vacant buildings located Downtown that have trash and debris inside of them, and how it relates to Fire Prevention. The Kiwanis member that brought up the question is concerned that the City has no “teeth” to go in beforehand and deem them unsafe for fire prevention and safety purposes. Chief Olsen said he would look into it further
- Members of the Kiwanis Club were very impressed with the new Fire Station and also thanked the City for providing breakfast.

November 1, 2019 to November 2, 2019 / After Hours – Lone Star Rally Special Event

- I also worked extra hours Friday-Saturday monitoring Lone Star Rally event areas with David Smith and Megan Pierce
 - Friday from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 - Saturday from 6:00 PM to Midnight



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Summary of Community Outreach Meetings Attended (Week of October 14th - 18th, 2019)

All Available Agendas and Minutes from Meetings Attended Attached

October 14, 2019 / 12:00pm – Better Parks for Galveston

- Better Parks announced the “Planning and Design Award for Lasker Park Pool” would be presented at the City Council meeting that week (October 17th)
- Better Parks will be sponsoring two Senior Bingo events at Wright Cuney Recreation Center by donating \$1,000.00 in food and prizes.
- Better Parks is also interested in purchasing new computers for the Wright Cuney Computer Lab.
- Better Parks announced they will be holding a joint luncheon/meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Monday, October 21st and McGuire-Dent. They will be doing presentation for the Advisory Board.
- Better Parks sponsored Sunshine Center Pool Party at Lasker Pool and it was very successful and everyone had a great time.
- Better Parks will be doing their next fundraiser on April 23rd, 2020 at Garten Verein and honoring Mr. Gene Lucas in the hope of raising additional funds to donate for the renovation of Jones Park.
- The next Better Parks for Galveston Meeting will be November 11th at Noon.

October 14, 2019 / 2:00pm – Exploratory Homelessness Committee

- Discussed one current service available for the homeless being free clothing available to them the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 9:00 AM at St. Vincent’s House.
- The Committee is scheduled to tour New Hope Housing in Houston on November 18th at 11:00a. The meeting is being facilitated by Deinisha Tryals with Gulf Coast Center.
- The Galveston County Homeless Coalition will have an Election of Officers in December.
- The Point-in-Time (PIT) is due no later than January 23rd where they count the total number of homeless.

October 15, 2019 / 8:00am – Chamber of Commerce: Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Committee

- Sally Bakko’s Summary following the meeting is attached. I agree with her statements.
- The next Advocacy and Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting will be November 19th at 8:00 AM.



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October 15, 2019 / 6:00pm – LULAC #151

- LULAC announced there will be a Youth Council Meeting on October 20th at 2:00pm at Elk's Lodge and a Cinco de Mayo Planning Meeting on October 29th at 6:00pm at Happy Buddha.
- They mentioned there will be a Police and Community Partnership Seminar on November 16th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Ball High School.
- The District Convention will be held in Galveston in April 2020 and LULAC will be hosting.
- I passed out a copy of September's City Manager's Report to members.

October 16, 2019 / 7:30am – Galveston Kiwanis Club

- The Kiwanis Club does not typically have a printed agenda to share.
- There was a discussion on how to revise the local chapter page on the National Kiwanis website to be better suited for searching members, and paying dues, etc.
- I distributed copies of September's City Manager's Report to members who wanted one.

October 16, 2019 / 12:00pm – Rotary Club of Galveston

- There was no regular Rotary Club Meeting this week.

October 16, 2019 / 10:00am – City Staff Pre-Lone Star Rally Meeting

- David Smith lead the City Staff Pre-Rally Meeting and asked for City Departments to submit their estimated event budgets to Megan Pierce by Tuesday, October 22nd.
- Discussion of set-up on Seawall and Downtown and how it is mostly the same as last year.
- Megan Pierce mentioned that the City will rent 22 light towers for Lone Star Rally, a slight increase from 2018 but will be 100% reimbursed by Lone Star Rally.
- One more Pre-Rally Meeting will take place on Monday, October 28th at 2:00 PM in Room 204 at City Hall.

October 18, 2019 / 10:30am – Downtown Galveston Pedestrian Study Stakeholder Meeting

- Three conceptual plans were presented and discussed for a Pedestrian Study in the Downtown area with an emphasis on 23rd Street. The proposal is to utilize landscaping and shade structures to make the area a more walkable community.
- Brandon Cook and Dudley Anderson were also in attendance.
- Contact information was collected with additional meeting(s) to be scheduled at a later date.



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Better Parks for Galveston Board Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2019, McGuire Dent Conference Room
Noon – 1pm

Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Comments – Sabrina Dean
 - a) Planning & Design Award
- 2) Vice President – Alice Kent
 - a) Policy & Procedures
- 3) City Update – Executive Director of Community Outreach Barbara Sanderson
 - a) Recommended park projects for 2019 funds
- 4) Recording Secretary – Rose Tijerina
 - a) September 9th, minutes
- 5) Corresponding Secretary – Diana Davison
- 6) Treasurer – Renee Lamm
 - a) BPG Financial report
 - b) Discussion and/or Action
- 7) Nominating Chair – Charlyn Vaiani
 - a) Corresponding Secretary vote
 - b) Luncheon with Park Advisory Board (October 21st)
- 8) Committee Reports
 - a) Community Outreach & Activities – Ed Fest, Sunshine Center pool party (October 11, 10 am-noon)
 - b) Development – 2020 fundraiser
 - c) Publicity
 - d) Park Inventory
- 9) Old Business
 - a) Jones Park & Shield Park Campaigns – B. J.
 - b) Water fountains & Kempner bench – Renee
 - c) Dog agility seating & broken equipment - Sabrina
 - d) Walking trails – Barbara
 - e) Art in the parks – Amy or Karla
- 10) New Business
 - a) Wright-Cuney senior citizens bingo
- 11) Announcements

Next Board Meeting Monday, November 11th , at Noon.

Better Parks for Galveston Board Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019
Minutes

Present: Mary Cooper, Sabrina Dean, Kayse Fulcher, B.J. Herz, Alice Kent, Renee Lamm, Karla Levy, Amy Owens, Ellen Perry, Cynthia Smith, Carolyn Sunseri, Kathy Tiernan, Rose Tijerina, and Charlyn Vaiani; **Ex-Officio:** Barbara Sanderson; **Parkners:** Mary Ruth Brown

- 1) **Welcome and Comments:** President: Sabrina Dean welcomed everyone and 1) thanked Alice for putting on an amazing workshop and for all those who attended. She also thanked Amy Owens for providing her studio to hold the workshop. 2) She welcomed Mary Ruth Brown as a parkner. Mary helped with the mural at the pool.
- 2) **Vice-President** – Alice Kent – She reported on 1) the Strategic Plan 2020 report resulting from the August workshop and provided to board members for their review. The report included the One, Five, Ten Year Goals, the strategies to achieve the goals, committee membership, etc. She asked for any additions or corrections anyone may have. 2) Alice has been researching various policies and procedures, in order to provide an outline for BPG policy and procedure which members will have input. She and Sabrina would like all board members to participate with the goal the policy and procedures will be done by June, 2020. 3) Alice reported that we were talking about diversifying our funding sources to include more grant opportunity. She has been researching the various grants available. She has created a list of grants to be sent to the development committee for possible consideration.
- 3) **City Update** – Barbara Sanderson, Executive Director of Community Outreach – Provided 1) a list of projects Mario Rabago had approved by City Council resulting from an agreement between the IDC (Industrial Development Corporation) and the City of Galveston to repair, rehabilitate and enhance parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities. (Refer to List) This is from IDC money and Mario will be collecting bids at this time. Swan working on the water to the water fountains; has to get with Public Works. 2) Barbara with Megan and others is working on a boat access ramp grant.
- 4) **Recording Secretary** – Rose Tijerina – She thanked Sabrina for handling the August minutes during her absence. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mary Cooper motioned to accept the August 12th minutes, Charlyn Vaiani, seconded; Motion carried.
- 5) **Corresponding Secretary** – Diana Davison – Not available – Sabrina stated that there was some correspondence from Texas A & M, to be discussed later.
- 6) **Treasurer** – Renee Lamm provided a detailed Treasurer's Report to Board members.
 - a. Bal. on 8/31/2019 is **\$186,793.47**: \$83,761.58 (**Checking**) + \$103,031.89 (**Investment Acct**): i) \$99,073.63 – Unrestricted; ii) \$81,669.84 – Pool; iii) \$6,050.00 – Walking Trails
 - b. Discussion and/or Action – i) Renee reported that during a BPG board workshop, it was suggested that BPG purchase two promotional banners and a tablecloth with an estimated maximum total cost of \$1,000. After some discussion, Renee made a motion that BPG purchase promotional banners and a tablecloth with a total cost of up to \$1,000. Amy Owens, seconded the motion. Motion carried
ii) Previously, \$5,000 of income was approved to carryover to cover 2020 operating expenses. Renee recommended to increase that amount by \$2,000 due to the possibility of hiring an accountant to prepare the 2020 financial statements. After some discussion, Charlyn Vaiani made a motion to increase the carryover of operating expenses by \$2,000, making it \$7,000 for year 2020. Mary Cooper, seconded the motion; Motion carried (Refer to Treasurer's Report)
 - c. **Nominating Chair** – Charlyn Vaiani – Charlyn announced that **a)** Tom Schwenk has resigned from the board, but remains an active supporter. **b)** At this time, not adding another director. The focus, for now, is in adding parkners. **c)** She reported on the luncheon between the Park & Recreation Advisory Board and BPG Board on October 21st, at 12 Noon. The purpose being that the City Board will get to know what BPG does. Sabrina stated that she would like a power point presentation, divided into three

sections. It would be History – by Kathy Tiernan volunteered to present; Accomplishments to date – **Opened**; and Future Goals – by Sabrina Dean; total presentation to be 30 minutes. Discussion followed as to how many persons attending, food, signup sheet, etc.

7) Committees:

- a. Community Outreach & Activities – Sabrina reported that **1)** we have a pool party for Sunshine Center persons on September 17th, 10 am. – 12 Noon. There are 36 people from the center; kids plus 8 volunteers to be in the water; will provide their own transportation. Mary Cooper volunteered to pick up the food items. **2)** Ed Fest is on Saturday, October 5th at the Rec Center, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. BPG will have a booth, volunteers are needed, will have Alice send a signup capability via email to the members.
- b. Development – Carolyn Sunseri reported that she had talked to Gene Lucas' daughter, Margaret Snyder and she was thrilled about the honor for her dad and said that the family would like to participate and be willing to help out in any way.
- c. Publicity – Mary still working on putting things on the computer. Sabrina asked if anyone had samples of annual reports from other organizations, just to look at the various formats use
- d. Park Inventory – Kathy Tiernan – Sabrina provided Kathy with four dates provided by Texas A & M regarding their Fall and Spring Big Events, where they volunteer to various community events. The dates for Fall were Sept. 28th, October 19th, Nov. 2nd, and Nov. 23rd. November 23rd is the closest date to when Kathy's agenda may be able use. Kathy announced that her Task Force is Charlyn, Carolyn, Mary Cooper. Mary has entered the draft of the inventory that has been shared with our board into excel. Charlyn and Carolyn are working on getting the neighborhood associations listed with the Parks as a way to keep them informed of events coming up related to their local parks with the goal of building up relationships. Kathy would like to have Mario and Marissa Barnett, who runs the websites for the City, to present to their task force regarding the report previously mentioned in Barbara's report as to what does it look like, what does Mario already have based on what we want to collect, what new things do we want to collect and how do we want to collect them. This information will help in avoiding any duplications in the process.

8) Old Business:

- a. Jones Park & Shield Park Campaigns – Barbara reported still waiting on decision from Texas A&M. She reported she may have someone who may be willing to do some donations to Shield's Park. It was decided to invite them to the luncheon on Oct. 21st to learn about BPG and what it is about.
- b. Water Fountains & Kempner Park Bench – Renee Lamm – Renee submitted a report which indicates that two drinking fountains have been installed in both Menard and Lindale Parks; five additional water fountains have been ordered. The city still working on bids for the Kempner bench. BPG will need to purchase a plaque honoring the donor, affixed to the bench. (Refer to report)
- c. Dog Agility seating & broken equipment– Sabrina Dean – No status to report at this time.
- d. Walking Trails – Barbara Sanderson – Still waiting on pictures.
- e. Art in the Parks – Amy Owens – The turtle at the ball park is being repaired; still need a fence to put around the turtle. Rachel Wiley will be the artist for the new turtle purchased by BPG. This turtle is a little different, has a dome bottom, a foot shorter and a foot longer, based on the green turtle. It has more detail on the flippers. She talked about problem with the past manufacturer; didn't due job right, but now dealing with a new one. 2) Amy introduced Mary Ruth as good at everything she does and knows about every type of art. Mary Ruth has come up with some ideas already that she would like to pass on to BPG. She also knows a lot of people in the art scene.

9) New Business:

- a) **Texas A&M Fall Big Event** – Previously mentioned under Park Inventory.

10) Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2019 at Noon.

Submitted By: Rose Tijerina, Recording Secretary

**Better Parks for Galveston
Treasurer's Report
Board Meeting – October 14, 2019**

1. Cash as of 9/30/19

- a. Total Cash \$186,923.47 (Equals Checking Account \$83,731.58 plus Investment Account \$103,191.89)
 - i. \$ 99,203.63 Unrestricted*
(*Includes \$92,203.63 of unrestricted donations + \$7,000 of 2019 income that the BPG board voted to carryover to 2020 to cover 2020 operating expenses)
 - ii. \$ 81,669.84 Pool
 - iii. \$ 6,050.00 Walking Trails

2. Monthly Financial Activity (for the month ended September 30, 2019)

- a. Total Cash Inflow – \$160
 - i. \$ 160.00 Interest Income from Investment Account
- b. Total Cash Outflow – \$30
 - i. \$ 30.00 Monthly Wi-Fi – GSCA (Jun-Aug 2019)

3. Discussion and/or Action

- a. Sea Turtle Paint – Sabrina received a receipt in the amount of \$78.69 from Laura Goalen, Shaifer's mom, for paint to fix the vandalized turtle. Sabrina is working with the City and artists to understand the cost of structural and other repairs and to come to an understanding about BPG's responsibility for repairs going forward. I make a motion to reimburse Laura Goalen for the cost of the paint in the amount of \$78.69.

**Better Parks for Galveston
Monthly Statement of Financial Position
September 2019**

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Assets

Current Assets

Checking Account	83,731.58
Investment Account	103,191.89

Total Current Assets	<u>186,923.47</u>
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 99,203.63 *
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - pool	81,669.84
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - walking trails	<u>6,050.00</u>

Total Net Assets	<u>186,923.47</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 186,923.47</u></u>
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NOTES:

* Unrestricted Net Assets includes the following amounts:

2017 Unrestricted Proceeds from Special Events - 2017 A Gala by the Pool	\$ 61,628.47
Less:	
Special Events Expense - 2017 A Gala by the Pool	<u>19,143.77</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets directly related to 2017 A Gala by the Pool	<u>\$ 42,484.70</u>
2018 Unrestricted Proceeds from Special Events - 2018 A Party for the Parks	\$ 80,393.50
Less:	
Special Events Expense - 2018 A Party for the Parks	<u>23,551.21</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets directly related to 2018 A Party for the Parks	<u>\$ 56,842.29</u>
2019 Unrestricted Proceeds from Special Events - 2019 A Party for the Parks	\$ 64,176.00
Less:	
Special Events Expense - 2019 A Party for the Parks	<u>11,759.89</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets directly related to 2019 A Party for the Parks	<u>\$ 52,416.11</u>

Total Unrestricted Net Assets directly related to 2017-2019 Parties for the Parks	<u><u>\$ 151,743.10</u></u>
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Monthly Statement of Activities
September 2019

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Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:

Revenues	\$	
Unrestricted Donations		-
Net Assets released from restrictions		-
Interest Income		160.00
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Total Unrestricted Revenues		160.00
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Expenses

Charitable Appropriations:		
Contributions Pursuant to Charitable Purpose		-
Total Charitable Appropriations		<hr/>
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments		-
Advertising Expense		-
Bank Charges		-
Website Domain & Hosting Fees		-
Wi-Fi Expense		30.00
Miscellaneous Expense		-
Postage Expense		-
Insurance Expense		-
Accounting Expense		-
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Total Expenses		30.00
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Increase/(Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	130.00
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Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:

Restricted Grants - pool	-
Restricted Donations - pool	-
Restricted Donations - walking trails	-
Net Assets released from restrictions	<hr/>

Increase/(Decrease) in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	-
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Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	130.00
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Better Parks for Galveston
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
September 2019

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	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Net Assets, Aug 31, 2019	\$ 99,073.63	\$ 87,719.84	\$ 186,793.47
Increase(Decrease) in Net Assets			
Reclassification due to Net Asset released from restriction	-	-	-
Other Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets (See Note 1)	130.00	-	130.00
Net Assets, Sept 30, 2019	\$ 99,203.63	\$ 87,719.84	\$ 186,923.47

NOTES:

1.) Details for Other Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets:

Unrestricted:

Acct No.	Description	Amount
400	Unrestricted Donations	\$ -
420	Special Events - Unrestricted Donations	\$ -
430	Realized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$ -
500	Advertising Expense	\$ -
501	Bank Charges	\$ -
502	Website Domain & Hosting Fees	\$ -
503	Wi-Fi Expense	\$ (30.00)
510	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -
560	Postage	\$ -
570	Program Expense - Charitable Appropriations	\$ -
580	Insurance Expense	\$ -
590	Accounting Expense	\$ -
600	Special Events Expense	\$ -
701	Interest Income	\$ 160.00
		<u>\$ 130.00</u>

Restricted:

Acct No.	Description	Amount
410	Restricted Grants & Donations	\$ -
		<u>\$ -</u>

Better Parks for Galveston
General Ledger
September 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019

Date	Reference	Journal	Description	Beginning Balance	Current Amount	Period End Balance
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100	Checking Account			83,761.58		
	9/5/2019		To record payment - Monthly Wi-Fi - Galveston Sustainable Community Alliance (Jun-Aug 2019)		(30.00)	
			Totals for 100		<u>(30.00)</u>	<u>83,731.58</u>
110	PayPal Account			-		
			Totals for 110		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
120	Moneymarket Account			-		
			Totals for 120		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
130	Petty Cash			-		
			Totals for 130		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
140	Investment Account			103,031.89		
	9/30/2019		Interest income		160.00	
			Totals for 140		<u>160.00</u>	<u>103,191.89</u>
145	Investments			-		
			Totals for 145		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
150	Fixed Asset					
			Totals for 150		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
160	Accumulated Depreciation					
			Totals for 160		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
300	Unrestricted Net Assets			(99,073.63) *		
			Totals for 300		<u>-</u>	<u>(99,073.63)</u>
310	Temporarily Restricted Net Assets			(87,719.84) * +		
			Totals for 310		<u>-</u>	<u>(87,719.84)</u>
400	Unrestricted Donations					
			Totals for 400		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
410	Restricted Grants & Donations					
			Totals for 410		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
420	Special Events - Unrestricted Donations					
			Totals for 420		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
430	Realized Gain/Loss on Investments					
			Totals for 430		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
500	Advertising					
			Totals for 500		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
501	Bank Charges					
			Totals for 501		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
502	Website Domain & Hosting Fees					
			Totals for 502		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Better Parks for Galveston
General Ledger
September 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019

Date	Reference	Journal	Description	Beginning Balance	Current Amount	Period End Balance
503	Wi-Fi Expense					Page 6
9/5/2019			To record payment - Monthly Wi-Fi - Galveston Sustainable Community Alliance (Jun-Aug 2019)		30.00	
			Totals for 503		<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
510	Miscellaneous Expense					
			Totals for 510		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
550	Paypal/Network for Good Fees					
			Totals for 550		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
560	Postage					
			Totals for 560		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
570	Program Expense - Charitable Appropriations					
			Totals for 570		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
580	Insurance Expense					
			Totals for 580		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
590	Accounting Expense					
			Totals for 590		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
600	Special Events Expense					
			Totals for 600		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
701	Interest Income					
9/30/2019			Interest Income		(160.00)	
			Totals for 701		<u>(160.00)</u>	<u>(160.00)</u>
999	Undistributed					
			Totals for 999		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
			Report Total			<u>0.00</u>
Net Profit/(Loss)						
Current Period					<u>130.00</u>	
Year-to-Date					<u>(4,905.53)</u>	

Better Parks for Galveston
2019 BUDGET

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INCOME					NOTES
	ESTIMATE	ESTIM. ACTUAL	VARIANCE		
Annual Party for the Parks	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 64,176.00	\$ (1,324.00)		See Note 4.
2018 Party for the Parks	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		Moody Bank
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 1,339.33	\$ 1,339.33		Estimated Interest Income on Investment Account (Assuming 2.24% Annual Percentage Yield Earned on \$102,500)
Donations - Walking Trails	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Donations - Pool	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Donations - Other	\$ -	\$ 4,883.09	\$ 4,883.09		\$2,249.49 from Carolyn Sunseri + \$2,500 Sasser + a few other donations
Donations - Other (re: Dog Agility)	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00		
Donations - Turtles About Town	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Memorial Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		If BPG finds a sponsor, will add sponsorship amount here.
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 74,298.42	\$ 8,798.42		
EXPENSES					
	ESTIMATE	ESTIM. ACTUAL	VARIANCE		
EXPENSES - FUNDRAISING & OPERATING					
Annual Party for the Parks Fundraiser	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 11,759.89	\$ (13,240.11)		
Annual D&O Insurance Premium	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 995.00	\$ (255.00)		
Estimate for Annual General Liability Premium	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -		
Annual Website Domain Registration & Hosting	\$ 179.85	\$ 192.85	\$ 13.00		Actual includes \$168 for website hosting + \$24.85 for annual domain registration; Website hosting fee increased from 2018
Annual Mailbox Fee	\$ 114.00	\$ 114.00	\$ -		
Accountants Fee	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ (2,000.00)		Includes quarterly financials (\$500 per quarter) plus annual IRS return preparation (\$750)
Utilities - Wi-Fi	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ -		
Office Supplies - Stationery and paper	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -		
Office Supplies - Other	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -		
Postage	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -		
Advertising	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,603.87	\$ 1,453.97		
Professional Fees (e.g., Board Workshop Facilitator)	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	\$ -		The Grand Kids Festival (\$75) + GDN (\$75) + Promo Items (\$244.80) + Brochures (\$209.17) + \$1,000 Estm for 2 banners and table cloth
Payment processing fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Technology Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL FUNDRAISING & OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 31,478.85	\$ 17,450.71	\$ (14,028.14)		
EXPENSES - CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS THAT WERE FUNDED IN PRIOR YEARS:					
Water Fountains	\$ -	\$ 18,480.00	\$ 18,480.00		Voted use of 2018 fundraising
Swing Set for Adoue Park	\$ -	\$ 9,121.06	\$ 9,121.06		Voted use of 2018 fundraising (Waiting on delivery or installation to send payment)
Additional Water Fountains	\$ -	\$ 12,398.94	\$ 12,398.94		Five additional water fountains have been ordered
Dog Agility Park	\$ -	\$ 5,161.31	\$ 5,161.31		Offset by Bromberg \$5000 (Nov 2018) + \$100 Sons of Conf Vets (Nov 2018) + \$61.31 R. Cross (2018)
Pool - Life Vests	\$ 530.55	\$ 530.55	\$ -		
Pool - Swim Goggles	\$ 952.00	\$ 952.00	\$ -		
Pool - Swim Lessons	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00	\$ -		
Pool - Family Season Passes	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -		
Pool - Other	\$ 3,342.45	\$ 3,342.45	\$ -		
Walking Trails - Signage	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 6,050.00	\$ -		Advertising at The Grand Kids Festival (\$75) & GDN (\$75); \$3192.45 still budgeted to spend in 2019
TOTAL CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS FUNDED IN PRIOR YEAR	\$ 12,050.00	\$ 57,211.31	\$ 45,161.31		
EXPENSES - CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS					
Dog Agility Park	\$ -	\$ 667.69	\$ 667.69		Portion not covered by 2018 donations (is covered by 2019 donation)
Dog Agility Park - Benches, etc. (TBD)	\$ -	\$ 4,171.00	\$ 4,171.00		Approved \$10,000 - Spent \$5,829 = Still left to spend \$4,171; Getting bid for replacement equipment
Kemper Bench	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		We collected \$300 for the bench. We will also need to buy a plaque.
Turtles About Town	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00		
Art in the Park	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		Estimate based on 20 kids at a cost of \$5 per kid
Jones Park	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -		
Other Park Projects	\$ 4,021.15	\$ 16,009.02	\$ 11,987.87		From 2019 fundraising; TO BE VOTED ON
TOTAL CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 29,021.15	\$ 49,847.71	\$ 20,826.56		
TOTAL EXPENSES, EXCLUDING EXPENSES FUNDED IN PRIOR YEAR	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 67,298.42	\$ 6,798.42		
NET INCOME/(LOSS), EXCLUDING EXPENSES FUNDED IN PRIOR YEARS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		

Ratio of Fundraising & Operating Expense to Income (Note 1)
 Program Percentage (Note 2)
 Cost to Raise \$100 (Note 3)

48% 23%
 48% 74%
 \$ 38 \$ 18

CASH

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 12/31/18	ESTM ACTUAL			
	\$ 191,829.00			
TOTAL CASH AS OF 12/31/18	\$ 191,829.00			
LESS: 2019 EXPENSES THAT WERE FUNDED IN 2018	\$ 57,211.31			
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FOR 2019	\$ 7,000.00			
ESTIMATED TOTAL CASH AS OF 12/31/19	\$ 141,617.69	Includes:	Unrestricted	Pool
			\$ 63,140.30	\$ 78,477.39
				Walking Trails
				\$ -

NOTES

- Several groups, such as Charity Watch and Charity Navigator, set guidelines for what constitutes efficient fundraising. Top ratings go to organizations with an expense to income ratio of 10%. These charity watch groups recommend a maximum ratio of 35%. There are exceptions. New organizations with small reserves of cash may have to spend more money on fundraising in the beginning.
- Program Percentage reflects the percentage of total expenses a charity spent on its programs. For example, a program percentage of 80% means that the charity spent 80% of its expenses on charitable programs. The other 20% was spent on overhead, which includes fundraising, management and general operating expenses.
- Cost to Raise \$100 reflects how much it costs the charity to bring in each \$100 of cash donations. For example, a Cost to Raise \$100 of \$20 means that the charity spent \$20 on fundraising for each \$100 of cash donations it received.

Charity Watch assigns the following ratings:

Program %	Cost to Raise \$100	Efficiency Rating
90-100%	\$0-4	A+
80-89%	\$5-11	A
75-79%	\$12-15	A-
72-74%	\$16-19	B+
68-71%	\$20-26	B
65-67%	\$27-30	B-
61-64%	\$31-33	C+
56-60%	\$34-37	C
50-55%	\$38-40	C-
36-49%	\$41-59	D
0-35%	\$60-100	F

4. Detail for Estimated Income for Annual Party for the Parks:

	2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	Variance
Sponsors	\$ 50,875.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (5,875.00)
Tickets	\$ 19,825.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ (4,325.00)
Homerun derby	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ (150.00)
Other cash donations	\$ 3,286.00	\$ -	\$ (3,286.00)
Silent Auction	\$ 6,036.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (1,036.00)
Donations for décor and for pictures with trophy	\$ 346.00	\$ -	\$ (346.00)
	\$ 80,518.00	\$ 65,500.00	\$ (15,018.00)

Overall, estimating 250 attendees (versus 300+ last year). See Sponsor Breakdown below.*
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*Sponsor Breakdown:
 \$10,000 Level Sponsor
 \$5,000 Level Sponsor
 \$2,500 Level Sponsor
 \$1,250 Level Sponsor
 \$625 Level Sponsor

	2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	Variance
\$10,000 Level Sponsor	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (2,500.00)
\$5,000 Level Sponsor	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
\$2,500 Level Sponsor	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -
\$1,250 Level Sponsor	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (2,500.00)
\$625 Level Sponsor	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (875.00)
	\$ 50,875.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (5,875.00)

**Better Parks for Galveston
Old Business - Water Fountains and Kempner Bench
Board Meeting – October 14, 2019**

1. Water Fountains

- a. Per an email from Mario Rabago dated October 10, 2019:
 - i. Menard Park
 - 1. Tennis Courts – completed
 - 2. Skate Park – completed
 - 3. Dog Park – installation in progress
 - ii. Lindale Park
 - 1. Next to main parking lot – completed
 - 2. Basketball Court – completed
 - 3. Dog Park - ~~completed~~ *in progress*
 - iii. Gus Allen Park
 - 1. 2 inside proposed dog park – scheduled installation 10/14-10/25
 - iv. Kempner Park
 - 1. 1 fountain - scheduled for November 2019
 - v. Adoue Park
 - 1. 1 fountain – scheduled for November 2019
- b. Per an email from Megan Pierce dated October 9, 2019, Miracle Recreation said that the five new water fountains are estimated to ship on November 5, 2019.
- c. Note: Per Mario, the water pressure issue was resolved the day after Sabrina brought it to the City's attention.

2. Kempner Bench

- a. Per an email from Clarence Swannegan "Swann" dated September 13, 2019, the bench would cost \$2,415, including shipping and handling. BPG received \$330 in donations for the bench. Sabrina has requested additional information and additional quotes.
- b. BPG will need to purchase a plaque honoring the donor that will be affixed to the bench.

Exploratory Homelessness Committee

City Hall Building, Room 204

823 Rosenberg, Galveston, TX 77550

Agenda: 10/14/2019 @ 2:00 pm

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introduction of Attendees
 - Services offered at organization
 - Any events coming up?
- 3) Open Discussion
 - Homeless Coalition Meeting
 - Debrief, discussion, and next steps
 - PIT Count
 - First meeting is Friday October 18th @ 9:00am at United Way of Brazoria County
 - Texas Homeless Network Conference
 - Homeless Leadership Team of Denton County
 - Additional Takeaways and resources
- 4) Client Staffing
- 5) Action Plan
- 6) Questions? Concerns?
- 7) Next Meeting
 - Monday November 18th @ 2:00pm

2020 PIT: Counting Us App Instructions and PIT Lead Description

Counting Us Application:

- Access the application by either using the web browser [link](#) or downloading it from [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#), register an account, and use the count code of "TX2020" to get started and practice entering in surveys.
- Texas BoS CoC will be using the app to conduct both sheltered and unsheltered surveys.
- The surveys can either be completed by using the mobile app or by using a web browser link on your computer.
- In order to access the application you must first create an account
 - If using the web link, go to <https://counting.us/> and click on the "Register"
 - If using the mobile app, download, open the app, and click on the "Register"
 - Once you have registered you can practice by choosing the count "TX2020"
 - On the day of the count, **January 23rd, 2019**, you and the volunteers will use the same count code, "TX2020" to conduct the surveys.
- After you log in and choose the correct count, you will then hit "Get Started"
 - The following screen will show you all the survey options- based on the type of survey you are conducting, select the most appropriate option.
- Next, you will be taken to the "GIS" location screen
 - If you are at the location where the person is "sleeping" that night, please just select "Next Step" and it will automatically assign your location.
 - If you are not at the location where the client will be "sleeping" on the night of the count please select "Enter address" and enter in the location. The system will then automatically associate that survey with the designated location.
- Finally, you will be taken to the survey screen
 - Please attempt to ask and answer all of the questions
 - Answer will either be located in the drop down or will need to be entered in manually
 - If using the web browser link, you will need to manually click and drag the screen to move through the survey questions.
- Once you have completed the survey either "Submit" if you have internet access or "Save Draft" and upload once you have internet access.
- You do not need mobile data or internet access to complete the surveys but in order to submit them to the system you must be connected to internet.
 - If you have mobile data or internet access, please enter and submit all surveys in real time.
 - If you do not have mobile data or internet access, after you complete the survey, please click "Save Draft" and submit once you have internet access.
 - When you save a draft, it will alert you of the number of drafts saved at the bottom of the app.
 - Make sure all drafts are submitted by 11:59PM on January 23rd.

PIT Leads:

Training

- Attend any training hosted by THN in order to prepare for the Count.
- Provide training and support for volunteers on general PIT information and how use the Counting Us application.
 - Emphasize the importance of getting first and last name along with full date of birth. If not possible, at least gather initials and age. This will help with deduplication process.
 - Provide volunteers with "Volunteer Interviewing Guide" to ensure the volunteers feel comfortable with asking the survey questions and so the same message is being communicated across the community.

Volunteer Coordination and Promotion

- Work with local agencies to recruit and coordinate a group of general volunteers for the count.
- Promote the count in your community in order to spread awareness and gain buy-in from key stakeholders.
- Provide information on how the volunteers can complete the online training and notify that in order to participate on the day of the count, the volunteers must complete training by **11:59PM January 22nd, 2019**.
- Ensure volunteers fill out and submit the "Volunteer Hours Form" via Google Forms no later than **5PM on January 30th, 2019**.

Geographical Sections

- Lead the scouting of agencies that have emergency shelters and transitional housing and provide them with PIT information and instructions.
- Identify areas in your community where people may be sleeping in places not meant for human habitation.
- Create a "Count Day Plan" for your volunteers that identifies the time of their shifts and how they will cover the defined geographical section on the day of the Count to survey people experiencing homelessness.
 - This will be informed by your scouting efforts. This includes meeting with the volunteers prior to the count to build rapport and strategize for the day of the Count.
- THN recommends setting up your "Count Day Plan" in shifts of volunteers to ensure people reach all of the different areas in the community and in order reduce fatigue.

Carrying out the PIT Count

- Responsible for ensuring the Count occurs within the community.
- Responsible for being point-of-contact between the volunteers and THN.
 - Must be available to answer your phone and help troubleshoot problems throughout the Count process.
- Help THN ensure the Count is conducted safely and all persons surveyed are treated respectfully
- Check-in with all volunteers at the end of the Count to ensure that no surveys are left on their devices and that all draft surveys have been submitted.

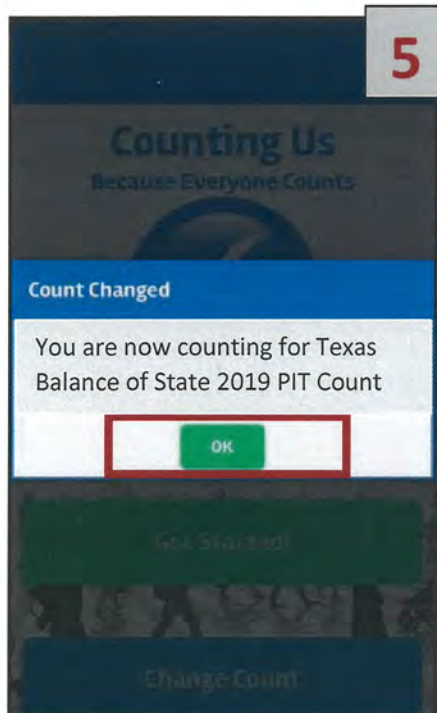
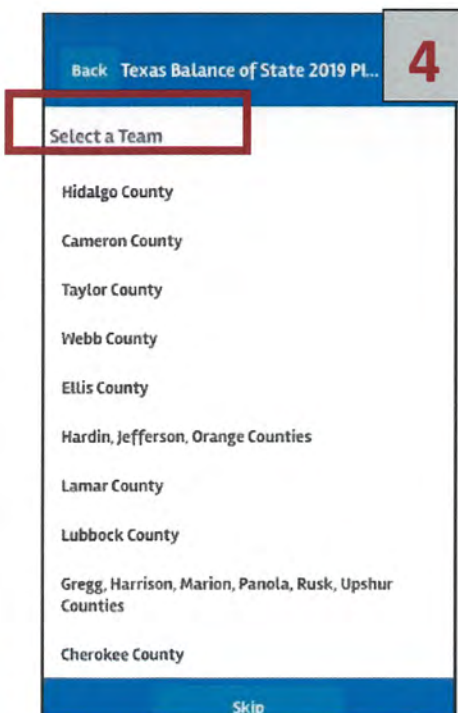
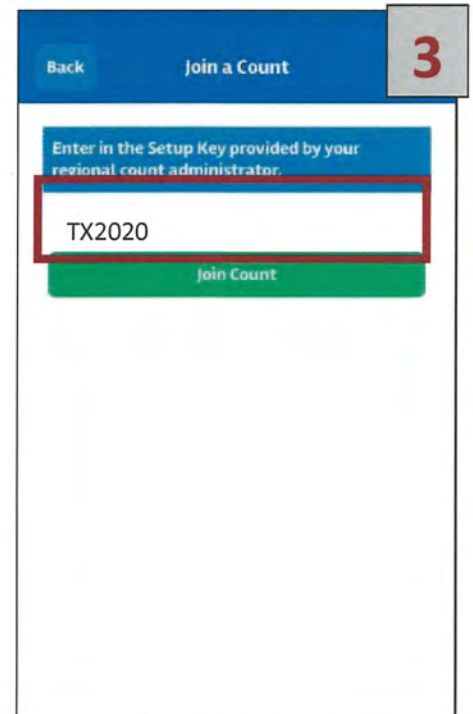
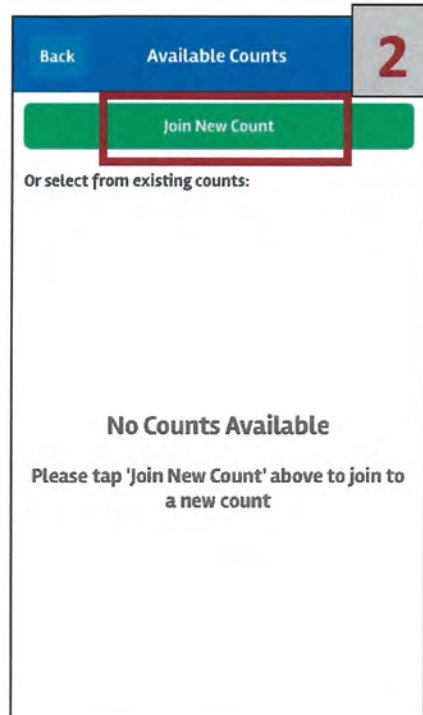
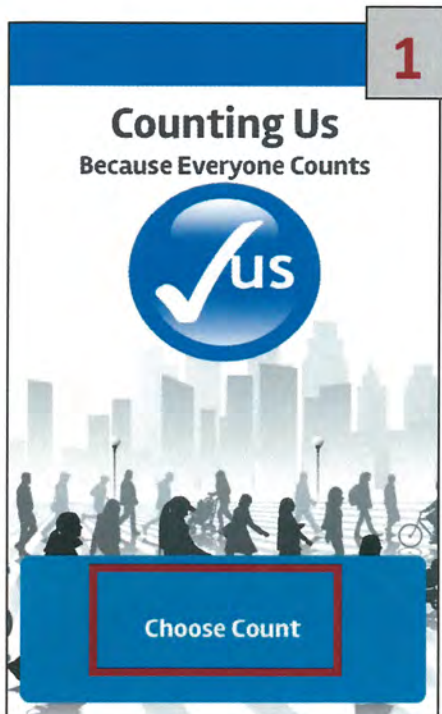
After the PIT Count

- Assist THN in the data clean-up by contacting volunteers and correcting any inaccurate information in the "PIT Data Clean-up" document.
 - THN will send "PIT Data Clean-up" document once available.

Counting Us App Cheat Sheet

How to begin Counting:

- Download the Counting Us app
- Create log-in information
- Enter in set-up key **TX2020**
- On the "Select a Team" screen, select the team you are volunteering for. ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL HAVE A TEAM THIS YEAR.





THN

TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK

Day of Count Cheat Sheet

1) *What you need:*

- A charged phone or device that you will use for the Count
- Download the "Counting Us" app from either Google Play or the App Store.
- Register an account and log in.
- Enter in the Project Key for the region, **TX2020**.
- Tap "Get Started!" to get to the screen which displays the list of surveys. Follow the guidance below once you get to your designated count area and identify or engage a person whom you believe is homeless.

2) *Introduce Yourself:*

- If you believe you have encountered a person experiencing homelessness approach them, say hello, introduce yourself, and explain that you are a volunteer with the annual Point-in-Time count.
- Ask if another volunteer has already spoken with them. If yes, thank them for their participation and move on.
- Don't approach someone too closely or too quickly. Maintain a cordial and respectful distance and don't put yourself into any unsafe situations. It is always a good idea to stick with a partner.
- Be sensitive – imagine how this might feel if you were in their shoes.

3) *Explain what the Point-in-Time count is:*

- The annual survey is conducted with the goal of helping provide better programs & services to people experiencing homelessness. The information gathered helps demonstrate a need for these programs which in turn helps the region get resources to address these needs.
- The survey should take less than 10 minutes. Ask the person if he or she would be willing to participate.

If they are willing to participate proceed to **Step 4**.

If they are not willing or able to participate but you believe they are homeless then complete either the *Individual Observation* or *Household Observation* survey within the "Counting Us" app as best you can, and submit it.

The unsheltered Point in Time count is intended to report only on people who are sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, as identified below. People who are staying in sheltered locations should not be included.

Unsheltered/ Places not meant for human habitation		Sheltered locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Street/sidewalk ▪ Vehicle (car, van, RV, truck) ▪ Park ▪ Abandoned building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bus, train station, airport ▪ Under bridge/overpass ▪ Woods/outdoor encampment ▪ Other unsheltered location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency shelter ▪ Transitional housing ▪ Motel/hotel ▪ House/apartment ▪ Jail, hospital, treatment program

4) *Conduct the Individual or Household Unsheltered Survey:*

- You will first pick the activity that you are doing by selecting the survey that you are completing.
- Identify your location on the next screen. Typically the map will pull up your exact location but if it does not you can drag and swipe the map to the proper location. You can also select "Enter Address" and enter in the nearest street of the interaction. This function is especially helpful when entering in surveys that were collected on paper into the app later.
- The rest of the survey gathers all the HUD elements and a few extra to help the region. Complete the survey and tap "Submit Survey". If you do not have cell service, you can save the survey by tapping "Save Draft." The information collected can be submitted when you are back in an area with cell coverage or internet access by opening the "Survey Drafts" tab, opening the surveys that have yet to be submitted, scrolling to the bottom of each survey, and submitting each of them. Please note that if you have multiple surveys in "Save Draft," each one will need to be submitted individually. Do NOT leave any surveys saved on your device once the count is completed.

- Use the PIT data to identify the number of people experiencing homelessness in your area
- Examples of analysis: racial disparities, sub-population and at-risk population break-downs, average length of time homeless, and gaps in health services
- The ultimate goal of looking at the data is to ensure that the homeless response system is aware of the community need and creating solutions to end homelessness

- These are visual representations of data that make complex information easier to share and digest
- Examples: infographics, dashboards, heat maps, sparklines, and charts
- **Free platforms to use:**
 - Canva
 - Venngage
 - Piktochart
 - Infogram
 - Visualizefree
 - Public Tableau

Raise Community Awareness

- Make your visualizations available to the public. Pass the information out at community events/fairs to help educate
- Organize local events on National days for homelessness awareness: National Homeless Person's Memorial Day, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, National Homeless Youth Awareness Month
- Post your visualizations on social media platforms

Meet With Public Officials

- Use your PIT data visualizations to illustrate what resources and services are most needed
- Visit <https://capitol.texas.gov> to determine who your elected officials are. You can also find information on upcoming committee meetings.
- Seek guidance from resources like The National Coalition for the Homeless when preparing to meet with Public Officials
- Know the current legislative issues and stay informed

Advocate

- Get to know your elected officials through letter writing, in person visits, phone calls, and email
- Make your presence and your mission known. Ensure

Barbara Sanderson

From: Sally Bakko
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:16 AM
To: Brian Maxwell; Daniel Buckley
Cc: Donald Glywasky; Barbara Sanderson; Mike Loftin
Subject: Galveston Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee - Senate Interim Charge to review SB 2 Impact and Appraisal Valuation System
Attachments: Cheryl Johnson_Appraisal Reform.pdf; TWIA Rate Hike Fact Sheet.docx

Good morning,

Barbara Sanderson and I attended the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee meeting this morning.

Attached are handouts provided by Galveston County Tax Assessor Cheryl Johnson. Ms. Johnson has been working actively to get the House and Senate to review appraisal reform, particularly examining the determination of market value, as part of an interim charge studied by the House Ways & Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee. This interim charge could possibly be part of a broader review of the SB 2 Impact interim charge that is expected.

Of course, if given the opportunity we want to revisit the amount of time given for rollback rate (voter approval rate) relief immediately following a disaster. Both bills during the 86th Session had the five (5) year period of relief, but 3 years is what came out of the conference committee. Ms. Johnson observed the Governor does have the authority to extend this as part of the disaster area declaration. I would rather see the five (5) years firmly placed in statute.

The Committee also discussed the tax-exempt status of affordable housing when built on government-owned property. After some discussion, the Committee wants to revisit this issue and likely take some form of a position on "publicly subsidized housing" built on government owned property versus private property and the tax implications.

Representative Middleton started the meeting discussing the expected TWIA Actuarial/Underwriting Meeting this Thursday, October 17th. The Committee will be held via teleconference. There is some question as to whether there will be opportunity for public comment. The Committee likely has the votes for a rate increase. There is also some expectation that an emergency Board Meeting will be called. If an emergency Board Meeting is called, an "all hands on deck" alert will be sent for stakeholders to attend. I will attend. In the meantime, I have attached a factsheet outlining some of these issues.

I copied Barbara Sanderson, she may have additional comments and observations.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
Sally



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TWIA Rate Hike Fact Sheet

- During the 86th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature overwhelming passed HB 1900 and other legislation mandating ethical and other reforms intended to lower rates for TWIA customers. HB 1900 also established a Legislative Oversight Board to perform a rate analysis study and to develop recommendations for the 87th Legislature.
- However, before the legislation could become effective, TWIA rushed to change the way it calculates replacement cost and 100-year storm events, circumventing the very reforms the legislature passed.
- On August 6, 2019 the TWIA board at its annual rate meeting where an effort to raise rates failed on a 4-4 vote. A rate increase of zero was filed with the Texas Department of Insurance.
- Subsequent to the TWIA Board meeting, representatives from big insurance companies reconstituted the TWIA Actuarial Committee and stacked it with majority insurance company representatives. In addition, the Chair of TWIA, Jeff Fields resigned creating a 3-4 split on the TWIA board in favor of raising rates.
- This “new” Actuarial Committee is set to meet October 17th, by phone to recommend a rate increase to the TWIA Board. There is virtually no opportunity for members of the public to provide input.
- The manager of TWIA has been “shopping” a rate increase to TWIA Board members WITHOUT any recommendation from the Actuarial Committee.
- The TWIA Board is scheduled to meet in Corpus Christi on December 10, 2019. However, an “Emergency” board meeting is most likely to be called by phone to vote on a rate increase.

Bottom Line

- Big insurance companies have stacked the deck against TWIA policy holders.
- TWIA is attempting to ram a rate increase before a new TWIA board member can be appointed.
- TWIA is ignoring the will of the legislature by manipulating data and rushing to increase rates before the Oversight Board can convene.
- TWIA insurance cost could rise by as much as 28% in the next year if these actions go unchecked.
- The public must show up at TWIA headquarters on October 17th, to voice their concerns to the Actuarial Committee during their phone call.

5700 South MoPac Expressway

Building A

Austin, TX 78749

October 17, 2019

1:30 pm

- To listen in on the call, go to: <https://www.twia.org/about-us/#board-meetings>



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ADVOCACY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

8:00 a.m.

**Chamber Board Room
2228 Mechanic, Suite 101
A G E N D A**

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- I. Welcome and Call to Order – Vic Pierson, Dr. Ben Raimer, Shrub Kempner
 - II. Guest Speakers:
 - a. Representative Mayes Middleton & Gina Spagnola-TWIA Update
 - b. Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector
 - III. Chamber Advocacy Sub-groups:
 - a. UTMB – Dr. Raimer
 - b. Texas A&M Galveston- Gen. Mjr. Bill McClain
 - c. Galveston College – Dr. Myles Shelton
 - d. City of Galveston – Mayor Yarbrough and Brian Maxwell
 - e. Port of Galveston – Rodger Rees
 - f. Galveston Park Board of Trustees – Kelly de Schaun
 - g. GISD – Kelli Moulton
 - h. Galveston County – Judge Mark Henry
 - i. GEDP – Jeff Sjostrom
 - j. Galveston Association of Realtors – Robert Zahn





- k. Galveston Restaurant Association
- l. Galveston Hotel and Lodging Association – Willis Gandhi
- m. Odyssey Academy – Dr. Jennifer Goodman
- n. The Arts & Arts Penny Funding – Maureen Patton
- o. Broadway Businesses – Terrilyn Tarlton-Shannon

IV. Continuing Legislative Issues:

- a. Beach – Kelly de Schaun
- b. Education: UTMB/Texas A&M Galveston/Galveston College
- c. Storm Surge Protection: The Coastal Spine/IKE Dike-Rocky Sullivan and Gina Spagnola
- d. Port of Galveston – Rodger Rees
- e. Windstorm/TWIA
- f. Flood
- g. Property Taxes

V. Legislators Reports:

- a. Congressman Randy Weber
- b. Senator Larry Taylor
- c. Senator Brandon Creighton
- d. State Representative Mayes Middleton
- e. State Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen





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Tuesday, September 17, 2019

8:00 a.m.

**Chamber Board Room
2228 Mechanic, Suite 101**

NOTES

- I. Welcome and Call to Order – Vic Pierson @ 8:00 am
- II. Advocacy Request – City of Galveston Train Delays – Sally Bakko
 - a. Sally walked through her request. The issue arose during the State of the City update last June. Her research shows this is a widespread National problem. She has provided information regarding length of time trains can delay a railroad crossing. She reviewed the City's Resolution calling for support from the Texas Municipal League, the National League of Cities, the National League of Mayors and ideally, the US Chamber. States need to have greater authority in managing this issue. Railroads need to be held accountable. She has a template letter she will send to Gina. Fred made the motion to send a Letter of Support of the City's Resolution, and a Chamber Resolution. Marie made the second. Motion carries.
- III. Chamber Advocacy Sub-groups:
 - a. UTMB – Dr. Raimer
 - b. Texas AGM Galveston- Gen. Mjr. Bill McClain – Texas Bankers Association is helping with Senator Shelby (Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee) to get a second ship in the Bill.





The second ship will come to TAMUG. Representative Walle will be attending the luncheon Friday.

- c. Galveston College – Dr. Myles Shelton-reported the number of graduates has increased to almost 30 %. Fall enrollment is looking good. Sally stated she ran across a grant application GC might be interested in, inn regards to dealing with mentally ill and the police cadet training they are doing.
- d. City of Galveston – Mayor Yarbrough and Brian Maxwell
- e. Port of Galveston – Rodger Rees
- f. Galveston Park Board of Trustees – Kelly de Schaun-Kelly reported its been a hard year and they’ve had to work harder than in the past. Seawall parking numbers aren’t yet in.
- g. GISD – Kelli Moulton
- h. Galveston County – Judge Mark Henry
- i. GEDP – Jeff Sjoström
- j. Galveston Association of Realtors – Robert Zahn
- k. Galveston Restaurant Association
- l. Galveston Hotel and Lodging Association – Willis Gandhi-reported the summer was down a little from the previous year. Stated the AirBnB’s are taking away from the hotels. The quarterly luncheon is Thursday at Moody Gardens.
- m. Odyssey Academy – Dr. Jennifer Goodman
- n. The Arts & Arts Penny Funding – Maureen Patton
- o. Broadway Businesses – Terrilyn Tarlton-Shannon
- p. STRDAG – Mary Branum – reported rentals are down this year. They will be meeting with City Council this week regarding signage. Still pursuing with Council regarding fines, violations and stricter code enforcement.

IV. Continuing Legislative Issues:

- a. Beach – Kelly de Schaun
- b. Education: UTMB/Texas A&M Galveston/Galveston College
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- e. Windstorm/TWIA
- f. Flood
- g. Property Taxes

V. Legislators Reports:

- a. Congressman Randy Weber
- b. Senator Larry Taylor
- c. Senator Brandon Creighton
- d. State Representative Mayes Middleton – Michael Jenkins reported no new updates. First interim committee meeting was last week.
- e. State Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen

Friday's luncheon – Gina gave an update of the luncheon and the expectations. The luncheon will be from 11-1 at the Waterfront Pavilion at TAMUG.

Marie reported the flood maps have changed her flood insurance from \$7,000 to \$500.

2020 elections – Gina asked about interviewing and recording candidates. The Chamber will reserve a spot for mid to late February.

ADJOURN: at 8:41 am



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I am seeking your assistance in encouraging a call for an Interim Study on Appraisal Reform including, but not limited to, examining the determination of market value.

In a recent Supreme Court decision (*No. 15-0683 EXLP Leasing, LLC and EES Leasing, LLC v. Galveston Central Appraisal District* dated March 2, 2018), the State's highest court ruled in favor of Petitioners ending a three year tax battle. The Court affirmed that the Texas *Constitution does not bind "... the legislature to tax only on market value..."* In fact, it clearly affirms that the legislature is *"...free to adopt the mode of ascertaining the value of any class of property by such method as it might deem best...not tethered to an extra-textual valuation methodology that would dictate a particular outcome..."*

Under current law county appraisal districts, must appraise at market value but the Texas Constitution only requires taxation to be *"equal and uniform"* and property to be taxed *"in proportion to its value."* How that value is determined clearly lies in your hands.

It is my long-held belief that taxes – minimally our residential properties - should be based on the price you paid not a CAD manufactured value derived from sales in its defined "neighborhood" of properties. Rather than tax everyone on unrealized capital gains that essentially takes the property owner out of the mix – taxation based on the price paid establishes a progressive tax system that puts property owners in control of the bottom line. This would surely establish a sound and certain revenue source for local governments with increases occurring as homes are sold at a higher value and *may prevent a total erosion of the significant changes you passed in the 86th Session and although your hard work to control government spending will surely prove effective in limiting spending, it does not prevent increases on the individual.*

I base these statements on facts. In early July, I was asked by the Senate Property Tax Committee Clerk to prepare an estimate of savings resulting from HB 3 – looking back five years and looking forward five years. Mr. Barkley provided, from the Texas Comptroller's Office, average homestead values for 2012 through 2017 (at the time 2018 was not available). The figures from the Comptroller are shown below:

Year	Number of H/S	School District Homestead Market Value		School District Homestead Capped Value		School District Homestead Taxable Value	
		Total	Avg	Total	Avg	Total	Avg
2012	4,999,206	763,001,110,528	152,624	757,264,089,088	151,477	620,996,657,152	124,219
2013	4,976,546	782,764,408,832	157,291	775,363,166,208	155,803	636,854,272,000	127,971
2014	5,005,699	853,330,952,192	170,472	830,784,208,896	165,968	686,825,275,392	137,209
2015	5,117,397	956,549,693,440	186,921	918,644,260,864	179,514	716,423,692,288	139,992
2016	5,403,974	1,058,608,119,808	195,894	979,025,723,392	185,865	802,844,966,912	149,046
2017	5,497,556	1,181,884,743,680	214,984	1,143,307,239,424	207,966	879,913,467,904	160,055

Using these numbers, I projected the next five years of taxable homestead values based on the average increase in taxable value from the above figures (total percentage increase 26% divided by six years =

4.3% - SAY 4%). Going back five years using actual and projecting five forward, the following taxable values result, the average ISD M&O rate is assumed with the known reduced ISD 2019 rate, an assumed 2020 rate (we have no way yet to know for certain what the 2020 rate will calculate to be) and the taxes are estimated. I have not confirmed, but understand that the compression may not be permanent thus I stopped reducing the ISD tax rate in 2022 for the purposes of this projection example. That may or may not be an accurate assumption.

Year	Average School District Homestead Taxable Value	Typical ISD M&O Rate	Typical ISD Tax Bill
2014	137,209	\$1.04	\$1,426.97
2015	139,992	\$1.04	\$1,455.92
2016	149,046	\$1.04	\$1,550.08
2017	160,055	\$1.04	\$1,664.57
2018	166,457	\$1.04	\$1,731.15
2019	173,115	\$0.97	\$1,679.22
2020	180,040	\$0.93	\$1,674.37
2021	187,242	\$0.90	\$1,685.18
2022	194,731	\$0.90	\$1,752.58
2023	202,521	\$0.90	\$1,822.69

As you can see, even with a “hoped” for rate reduction from the current \$1.04 to a future \$0.90 (which is frankly amazing), *appraisal creep will soon eat up all of your provided savings – for certain the Statewide average homeowner will see an increase over the 2018 tax bill despite your valiant efforts!*

The Texas Public Policy Foundation has long stated there are two major problem areas in the Texas Tax Code - the margin tax and the property tax and that the state’s property tax system is the most punitive in the nation, punishing both homeowners and businesses. According to the Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director of the Foundation’s Center for Public Policy, *“Our research clearly indicates that substantive reforms in these two areas are needed in order to keep Texas’ economy thriving and competitive.”*

Many bills have been filed over the last 30 years of our current tax scheme that proposed a price paid solution. Perhaps a better solution would be to implement this for single family and small income producing and examine other options for determining value for other property types (for example a pure Income approach for businesses based on net income capitalized). Whatever the discussion – **there needs to be a discussion.**

Please, consider requesting an Interim Study on Appraisal Reforms. It is needed. The people of Texas know it is needed. Many will not benefit at all from the recent incredible changes made because their home values increased 20-30% - they will be taxed on the 10% increase and this is their resultant tax bill:

$$\$166,457 + 10\% = \$183,103 \div 100 \times \$0.97 = \$1,776.10 \text{ (an increase of \$45 - NO SAVINGS AT ALL)}$$

I hope that you find some flaw in my numbers but I fear you will not. Please consider finishing what was started. You have done an amazing job and I do not want that to be minimized by appraisal creep!

Respectfully and at all times at your service!

GALVESTON ISLAND ENTITIES							Values		
Entity	2018 Rate	2019 Rate	Rate Inc(Dec)	2018	2019	Tax Inc(Dec)	2018	2019	
Galveston Co & RFL	\$0.533965	\$0.527878	-1%	\$158,138	\$169,135	-1%	GC & RFL	\$171,016	\$181,985 6%
Galveston	\$0.561000	\$0.582433	4%	\$844.40	\$892.83	-1%	Galveston	\$164,035	\$175,267 7%
Galveston ISD	\$1.155500	\$1.085000	-6%	887.15	985.10	4%	GISD	\$142,900	\$154,078 8%
Galveston College	\$0.175190	\$0.171188	-2%	1,827.28	1,835.11	-6%	Gal College	\$167,761	\$178,953 7%
Navigation District	\$0.042922	\$0.044388	3%	277.04	289.54	-2%	Nav	\$144,976	\$155,391 7%
Total Average Taxes				67.88	75.08	3%		\$790,688	\$845,674
				\$3,903.75	\$4,077.65		Average HS Taxable	\$158,138	\$169,135 7%
Overage Average Tax Increase or Decrease)							↑ 4%		

LEAGUE CITY ENTITIES							Values		
Entity	2018 Rate	2019 Rate	Rate Inc(Dec)	2018	2019	Tax Inc(Dec)	2018	2019	
Average of Average Values				\$199,338	\$211,786	6%	GC & RFL	\$171,016	\$181,985 6%
Galveston Co & RFL	\$0.533965	\$0.527878	-1%	\$1,064.40	\$1,117.97	5%	League City	\$201,415	\$213,295 6%
League City	\$0.563800	\$0.548581	-3%	1,123.87	1,161.82	3%	Clear Creek IS	\$223,565	\$238,060 6%
Clear Creek ISD	\$1.400000	\$1.310000	-6%	2,790.73	2,774.40	-1%		\$598,014	\$635,359 6%
Total Average Taxes				\$4,978.99	\$5,054.19		Average HS Taxable	\$199,338	\$211,786 6%
Overage Average Tax Increase or Decrease)							↓ 2%		



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September 25, 2019

The Honorable Dustin Burrows, Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Despite the valiant efforts and extraordinary accomplishments of the 86th Legislature, those Texas property owners whose value increased at least 10% (the homestead cap amount) will not receive any school district tax savings this year due to appraisal creep as shown below:

2018 Average Homestead Taxable Value $\$166,457 \div \$100 \times \$1.04$ rate = \$1,731.15

2018 Average Taxable Value + 10% = 2019 Taxable or $\$183,103 \div \$100 \times \$0.97$ rate = \$1,776.10

As you can see, the 2019 school tax bill will **increase \$45** this year for many suburban homeowners, admittedly less than it would have been - but that is little comfort for the average family hoping for tax relief. Even homesteads experiencing the 4% statewide average increase will see school taxes back at 2018 levels by 2021. **I do not believe this is what our honorable Texas leaders envisioned** when passing the historic tax and school finance reforms. It is for this reason that I am contacting you seeking support for an interim study on appraisal reform including defining market value.

In SCOTX Decision No. 15-0683 (*EXLP Leasing, LLC and EES Leasing, LLC v. Galveston Central Appraisal District*), Justice Brown delivered the opinion of the Court and concluded (quoting *Shannon*, 100 S.W. at 144) that the legislature is "free to adopt the mode of ascertaining the value of any class of property by such method as it might deem best." He further stated that, "...If the legislature's chosen taxation scheme produces undesirable results unforeseen by the legislature, the remedy lies in modifying the law through the legislative process..."

Our current taxation scheme is producing undesirable results and has for over 30 years. Although I prefer a price paid solution for all, perhaps a better option would be to implement this for single family and small income producing properties and examine other options for determining value for business (*for example a pure Income Approach to value based on net income capitalized*). Whatever the discussion - **there must be one.**

Please, consider my request. It is needed. The people of Texas know it is needed and they are looking to you to for a solution that will be sustainable. SB 2 will limit government spending - a long fought and worthy battle for which I am grateful. It is now time to finish what was started and put an end to that which has eroded every single legislative attempt to fix property taxes - appraisal creep.

Respectfully,

Cheryl E. Johnson, PCC



League of United Latin American Citizens

Council 151

... to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States.

Agenda

10/15/19 - 6:00 PM
Moody Mansion, Galveston

Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker:

Reading and Approval of September Minutes

Reading and/or Voting on Applications for Membership

Report of Officers and Operating Committees

President and Other Officers Reports – Lillie Aleman

Youth Council 12 – Ronnie McNab

Cinco de Mayo 2020 – Robert Quintero

Standing Committees: Economic, Education, Political, Housing, Health, Civil Rights

Police and Community Partnership Seminar

Communications:

Finance 1) Treasurer's Report 2) Tax Filing

Unfinished/Old Business

GISD Hispanic Heritage Festival – Saturday, October 12

District Convention April 2020

Voter Registration at Galveston College

Washington Youth Leadership Seminar

New Business

Mardi Gras Parade

Fundraising: Super Bowl

Good and Welfare of the League

Adjournment

"All for One and One for All"



LULAC Council 151
Minutes of Meeting
Happy Buddha, Galveston
Thursday, September 25, 2019

Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Vice President, Robert Quintero, and it was declared that a quorum was present.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were: Lillie Aleman, President; Robert Quintero, Vice President; Vicky Gomez, Treasurer; Roger Quiroga, Parliamentarian; Mary Moreno, Chaplin; and Joseph Berbel, Sergeant at Arms. **Absent:** Ronnie McNab, Vice President for Youth and Zoila Contreras, Secretary.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 16, 2019 were distributed. *A motion was made by Robert Quintero, second by Vicky Gomez, to approve the minutes as distributed.* Motion passed.

Membership: Membership applications were received from Katrina Cruz, Carrie Garcia, Carmen Hidalgo, Carolina Lopez, and Maria Saldana. *Motion was made by Vicky Gomez, second by Diane Henderson, to accept the new applications for membership.* Motion passed.

Report of Officers and Operating Committees

President's Report:

- 1) GISD Back to School Fair – was held at Ball High School on Friday, August 2. We handed out youth council applications and gave out some mechanical pencils. We also donated a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card and a nice lunch kit for the door prizes. We collected three youth applications and several students took an application.
- 2) Joseph and I attended the Houston District 18 Salute to LULAC Heroes, on Friday, September 5 in Houston. Among those honored were Johnny Mata, Bertha and Frank Urtega for their contributions to LULAC and to their community.
- 3) On September 11, Joseph and I attended the Arts & Historic Board meeting to sign the contract for Cinco de Mayo funds for 2020. We will receive \$5,850.
- 4) Council 151 is co-sponsoring a student to attend the Washington Youth Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C. with LULAC Council 214. The student is Raul Rodriguez. The trip is September 25 -29, 2019. Mr. Rodriguez has been invited to our October meeting to give us a report.

Youth Council 12: LULAC had a successful recruitment pool party on Sunday, August 18 at the Elks Lodge. We had 8 youth and 4 parents attend. We received 5 new applications. The following week, we received 11 applications from Katrina Cruz in Hitchcock. Ronnie McNabb and Lillie Aleman will discuss setting up a youth meeting next month. Anyone that would like to help with the youth is most welcome.

Fund Raising: August Money Calendar – 292 calendars were sold. Mary Moreno, Vicky Gomez and Zoila Contreras each received \$100 for selling 50 or more calendars. Joseph Berbel received \$100 for selling the \$500 winning calendar to Tommie Jenkins. Briefly discussed was when to schedule the next money calendar sales. Discussion tabled to next month's meeting.

Standing Committees:

Civil Rights: We received three calls from individuals regarding various issues. Two never returned the intake forms they were asked to fill out and return. The third call was from a parent regarding a problem her son was having at Ball High School. Robert Quintero and Lillie Aleman were in the midst of assisting them, when the parent advised us that she had finally gotten an appointment with the principal and she would be back in touch if things didn't work out. We believe their issue was resolved since we haven't heard back from the family.

Communications: Thank you letters from several students that received scholarship were received. LULAC members work hard to raise funds for scholarships and thank you letters and cards are greatly appreciated.

Finance: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Vicky Gomez. *Motion was made by Robert Quintero, second by Isabel Torres, to accept the Treasurer's report.* Motion passed.

Last year, we had contracted with one of our LULAC members to look into our financial status and file our taxes for 2016 & 2017. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances our taxes were not filed. Vicky Gomez spoke to Edward Walsh, the CPA who was doing our taxes prior to 2016 and he has agreed to help us get back on track.

The Merrill Lynch account is being updated with the names of the current officers. We will follow-up to see if there is anything pending.

Unfinished /Old Business

Scholarship Reception: The scholarship reception was held at the VFW on Thursday, July 25. There were approximately 140 people present. LULAC awarded 39 recipients. The scholarship committee plans to meet before the end of the year to review the guidelines to see how we can improve the process.

Diaper Drive: Sandra Sullivan from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church at 502 Church invited LULAC to co-sponsor a diaper drive. The diapers were being collected to send to immigrant families in the McAllen area. Isabel and Martin Torres graciously volunteered to transport the diapers to Catholic Charities in McAllen. On Thursday, September 5 several volunteers met at the UUF church at 3:00 p.m. to load the trailer.

PSA for Parks Board: Sergio Montanez, Lillie Aleman, Joseph Berbel and Zoila Contreras met with Chief Peter Davis, Galveston Island Beach Patrol; Kathy Gonzalez Marketing Consultant and Mary Beth Trevino, Galveston County Mutual Assistance Partnership, on August 29 to discuss a public service announcement that they asked LULAC to help with. They came up with a budget of \$1000 to produce and run an ad for one month on Facebook from mid-August thru mid-September. We left the meeting with a tentative agreement that we would participate; however, after looking closer into the request, Mr. Montanez, recommended to the LULAC Executive Board that we not participate.

Town Hall Meeting: Last month, Roberto Torres asked to serve as LULAC's representative with some of his fellow Galveston County Latino lawyers to arrange for a town hall meeting to advise immigrants of their basic rights and to answer questions they may have. No further information has been received as to when and if they will proceed.

LULAC District Convention in 2020: President Aleman asked any members wishing to help with district convention planning to notify her or Ronnie McNab, Convention Chair.

New Business:

Police and Community Partnership: President Aleman is serving on a committee to help facilitate a Police and Community Partnership here in Galveston. She has attended several meetings since August 29 with Sgt. Destin Sims, Officer Jovan Harris, Linda Strevell, Galveston PD Civilian Volunteer, and Mary Patrick with the NAACP. The group is planning a community meeting to be held next month. The plan is to have 10 groups from different communities, such as educators, business, clergy, police, Hispanic, Black, Anglo, etc. If you are asked to participate, please give it your upmost consideration.

GISD Hispanic Heritage Festival: Alejandro Garcia, Family Engagement Specialist at Galveston ISD, invited LULAC to participate in a festival dedicated to Hispanic culture during Hispanic Heritage Month. The event will be held in the Scott School gym, 4116 Ave N 1/2, from 10 am -1 p.m. LULAC will have a table with youth applications and brochures.

National Night Out in Hitchcock: Mr. Clay Burton, a member of the Hitchcock's Citizens and Police Academy Alumni invited LULAC to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Texas First Bank. Ronnie McNab and Katrina Cruz, our youth contact in Hitchcock, and I will be on hand to distribute youth membership applications and brochures.

Voter Registration Drive: David Martinez is a voter registrar and he has been registering voters at College of the Mainland. We have put in a request to have a voter registration drive at Galveston College on Monday, October 7 from 9 to 1. We should receive confirmation early next week.

Good and Welfare of the League:

Congratulations was extended to Robert Quintero on his appointment as Interim Executive Director of GCCAC, Inc.

The annual Garden Tours of Galveston East End will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. One of the houses selected for this event is George and Ronnie's Historic house, 1709 Ball in Galveston.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoila Contreras

Zoila Contreras
Secretary

September 30, 2019		September 30, 2019		September 30, 2019	
Cash	Bank Statement	Book Balance	Change	Outstanding cks Ck #	Amt
General Account	\$13,592.47	\$13,592.47	\$0.00		
Texas First	\$89.47	\$89.47	\$0.00		
Special Event Account	\$9,076.86	\$9,076.86	\$0.00		
Scholarship & Education	\$26,301.54	\$26,301.54	\$0.00		
Total Cash	<u>\$49,060.34</u>	<u>\$49,060.34</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	Total	
Investments	September	August			
Merrill Lynch	\$70,590.12	\$69,067.19	\$1,522.93		
Total Investments	<u>\$70,590.12</u>	<u>\$69,067.19</u>	<u>\$1,522.93</u>		
Total Cash & Investments	\$119,650.46	\$118,127.53	\$1,522.93		

60% to Scholarship
35% to General Fund
5% Fundraising Acct.